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**Box PATENT APPLICATION**  
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New U.S. Patent Application  
Title: COMMUNITY-BASED COLLABORATIVE KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM,  
AND USER ACCESS LIMITING METHOD IN THAT SYSTEM  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application- 56 pages, including 3 independent claims and 18 claims total.
2. Drawings- 16 sheets of drawings containing 23 figures. (Figures 1-21).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to KABUSHIKI TOSHIBA.
5. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2001-145250, filed May 15, 2001.
6. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 2 documents attached.
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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ \$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	18	-	20		x \$18	
Independent Claims	3	-	3		x \$84	
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Application No. 2001-145250, filed May 15, 2001.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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